

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C - ORDER NO. 2007-724

OCTOBER 9, 2007

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| IN RE: Docket No. 2007-255-C – Petition for | ) | ORDER GRANTING   |
| Approval of Nextel South Corp.’s Adoption   | ) | MOTION FOR       |
| of the Interconnection Agreement between    | ) | CONSOLIDATION OF |
| Sprint Communications L.P., Sprint Spectrum | ) | DOCKETS          |
| L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS and BellSouth         | ) |                  |
| Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South   | ) |                  |
| Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast               | ) |                  |
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| and   | ) |                  |
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| Docket No. 2007-256-C – Petition for        | ) |                  |
| Approval of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel         | ) |                  |
| Partners’ Adoption of the Interconnection   | ) |                  |
| Agreement between Sprint Communications     | ) |                  |
| L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS | ) |                  |
| and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.      | ) |                  |
| d/b/a AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T        | ) |                  |
| Southeast                                   | ) |                  |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the Motion of Nextel South Corp. (Nextel South) and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (Nextel Partners) (collectively, Nextel) to consolidate Docket No. 2007-255-C and Docket No. 2007-256-C presently pending before the Commission.

On July 2, 2007, Nextel filed with the Commission separate petitions for adoption of the interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T

South Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast (AT&T). The Commission established Docket No. 2007-255-C to address the petition for adoption of Nextel South and Docket No. 2007-256-C to address the petition for adoption of Nextel Partners.

On September 12, 2007, Nextel filed a Motion to Consolidate. Nextel asserts in its Motion that the substantive issues raised in the adoption petition proceedings are identical. For purposes of administrative efficiency and economy, Nextel requests the Commission fully consolidate the two proceedings for consideration of AT&T's motions to dismiss, for establishing a unified procedural schedule, and for reaching a final determination with regard to adoption petition proceedings. Further, Nextel suggests that the procedural deadlines and hearing date already established for Docket No. 2007-255-C be designated as the procedural schedule and hearing date for the consolidated proceedings. Nextel adds that counsel for AT&T and the Office of Regulatory Staff concur with the requested consolidation.

The Commission finds the Motion to Consolidate of Nextel reasonable and finds that judicial economy would be served by consolidating the two dockets, and therefore grants the Motion to Consolidate.

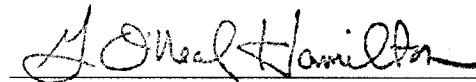
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Nextel South Corp.'s and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners' Motion to Consolidate Docket No. 2007-255-C and Docket No. 2007-256-C is hereby granted, and the procedural deadlines and hearing date already established for Docket No. 2007-255-C are designated as the procedural schedule and hearing date for the consolidated

proceedings, subject to change by the Commission's Docketing Department if circumstances dictate.

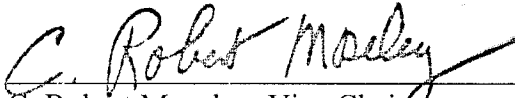
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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